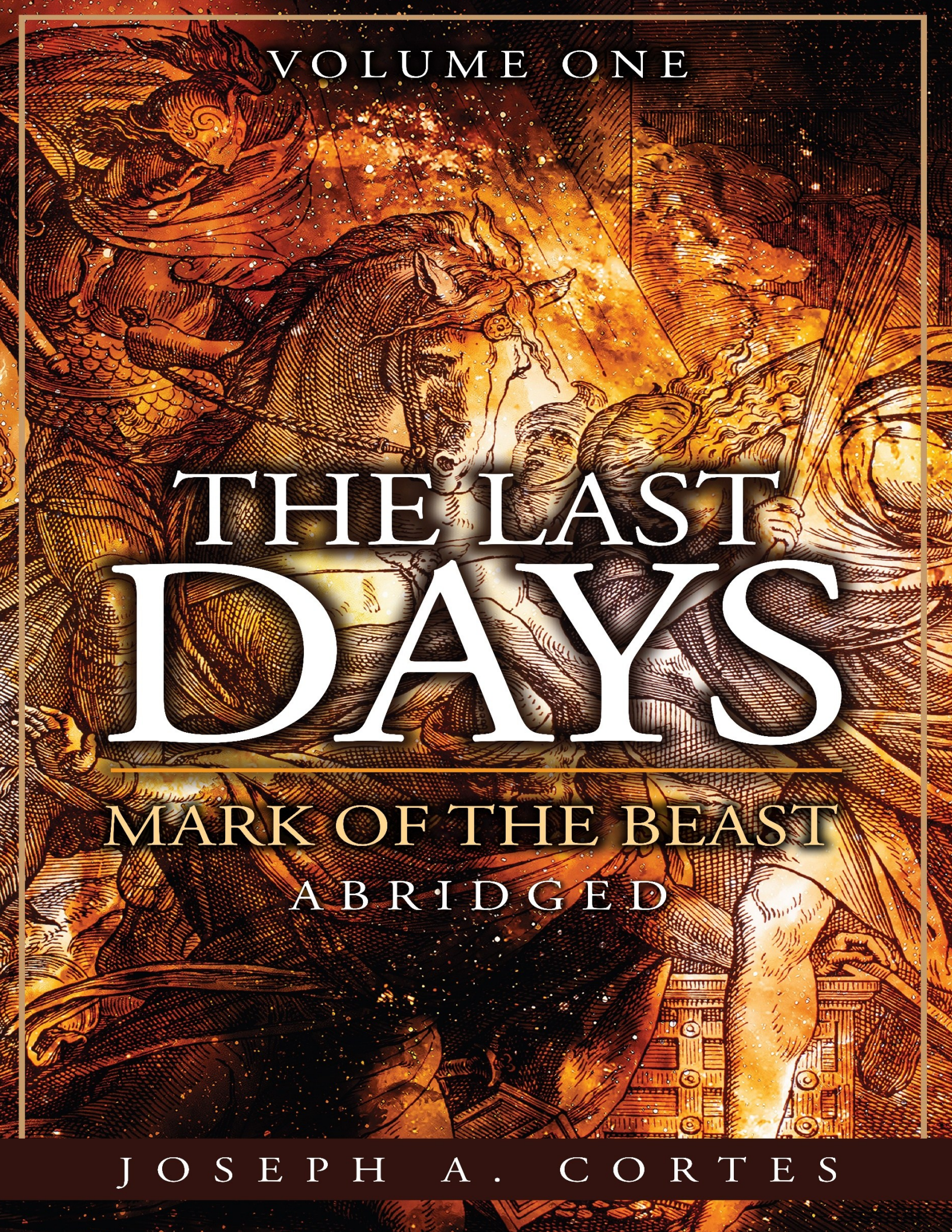
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INTRODUCTION

The Last Days series is a comprehensive, scripturally grounded look at end-time prophecy. Drawing from the Old and New Testaments, secular history, and other relevant sources, this series aims to bring clarity to a subject that has been cluttered by centuries of confusion, misinterpretation, and speculation.

Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture references are from the King James Version. This is intentional. While modern translations have their place, the King James remains one of the most faithful and consistent versions for serious study—especially when dealing with prophetic passages.

This series addresses a wide range of prophetic topics, including:

- The origins and history of modern prophecy teaching: where it came from, who promoted it, and why it persists.
- The 70 Weeks of Daniel.
- Hebrew idioms and symbolic time references (like "time, times, and half a time").
- The Two Witnesses.
- The Two-horned Beast.
- The Abomination of Desolation.
- The Olive Trees and Candlesticks—and how common interpretations miss the mark.
- The Antichrist and False Prophet.
- The roles of the United States, England, and Israel in prophecy.
- The Great Tribulation.
- The concept of the Rapture (a term that doesn't appear in Scripture).
- And the central focus of this volume: the Mark of the Beast.

Daniel 12:4 says, *"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end..."* This is crucial. Many truths in prophecy were intentionally hidden until the last days. That means earlier interpreters—no matter how well-intentioned—were limited by the time in which they lived. Only those living in the actual last days could begin to fully understand what was sealed in Daniel's day.

This means that many popular end-time theories—developed 200 to 500 years ago—are outdated, flawed, or simply wrong. They were missing context that only the final generation would be able to recognize.

That's where we are today. Many prophetic events have already happened, and many others are unfolding before our eyes. This is no longer just theory—it's current reality. The purpose of this series is to point out these fulfillments clearly and biblically.

We begin with one of the most hotly debated and widely misunderstood topics in all of prophecy: The Mark of the Beast.

CHAPTER 1

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 1

Let's begin with Revelation 13:15–18:

> ***"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (666)."***

Few subjects cause as much controversy among Christians as end-time prophecy—and nothing sparks more curiosity than the Mark of the Beast. Everyone wants to know: What is the mark? What is 666? How can we avoid it?

This is where confusion begins. People know something is coming. They sense that the time is short. The problem is, most of them are looking in the wrong direction because they've been taught to expect the wrong thing.

To properly understand the mark, we have to take a whole-Bible approach. That means using both the Old and New Testaments, reading in context, and letting Scripture interpret Scripture. If we only rely on Revelation—or worse, if we base our conclusions on current events—we're going to end up with nothing but speculation.

And that's exactly what's happened. Theories have abounded—especially in the last hundred years.

Here are just a few examples of what people have suggested the mark of the beast might be:

- A barcode or UPC symbol tattooed on the skin.
- An RFID microchip injected under the skin.
- A global banking ID system tied to digital currency.
- Ronald Wilson Reagan (because each of his names has six letters—totaling 666).
- Social Security numbers.
- The Euro, ECU, or some future currency.
- A loyalty badge or invisible laser tattoo.
- Smart cards, national ID cards, or DNA tracking.

- And more recently, some claim it's AI technology or vaccine tracking chips.

Many of these theories are well-meaning. Some even include impressive-sounding research, historical references, or Gematria-based calculations. But none of them are biblically sound, because they ignore a basic principle: the Bible already tells us what the mark is—we just have to be willing to see it.

Let me be clear: the mark is not a barcode, a chip, or a vaccine. Yes, technology can be used for control. Yes, there are systems in place today that are moving toward centralized identification and cashless commerce. But none of that is the actual mark of the beast.

The mark is spiritual before it is physical. It is about worship and identity—not just buying and selling.

Here's the key most people miss: the mark is tied to the beast—and if you don't know who the beast is, you'll never correctly identify the mark. That's why so many are chasing shadows.

But Scripture is clear. The beast, the mark, and the number 666 are all connected. And when you understand who the beast is, the mark becomes unmistakable.

Here's a preview: the beast is tied to Islam. More specifically, to the system of Islamic rule and its historic opposition to God's people and God's truth. This isn't just a theory—it's verifiable by Scripture and by history. But it's been overlooked by generations of prophecy teachers who were focused on Europe, Rome, or the Pope.

Islam is the only system in history that perfectly fulfills the description of the 8th Beast of Revelation—something we'll dig into in future chapters.

The bottom line: all the technological speculation—the chips, tattoos, and barcodes—has served as a distraction. It's kept Christians so focused on science fiction that they've missed what was hiding in plain sight. The truth has always been there—in God's Word.

In upcoming chapters, we'll:

- Examine Scriptural examples of marking and sealing (both by God and the enemy),
- Explore the historical origins of false marks (like the mark of Cain and pagan religious symbols),
- And reveal how the real mark of the beast is already in use—and how it ties into worship, allegiance, and the counterfeit system of Islam.

Let's move forward not with fear or speculation, but with the confidence that God's Word is clear—and that He has already shown us the truth about the mark.

CHAPTER 2

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 2

Let's begin this chapter by laying a foundation. Revelation 13:1–2 says:

> ***"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."***

This beast John saw is a composite beast, a combination of three empires symbolized by animals—a leopard, a bear, and a lion. To understand this, we must go back to the book of Daniel, where each of these beasts originally appears.

This composite beast is not symbolic of random nations or an undefined future power. It is describing a real, historical and prophetic region—the Middle East, and more specifically, the territories that were ruled by the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, and Grecian empires. These were real kingdoms with real geographical footprints.

Let's break them down one by one:

The Lion – Babylon

The Babylonian Empire included parts of modern-day Iraq, Syria, western Iran, Israel, Lebanon, a small portion of Turkey, and even parts of Egypt. This is the area where ancient Babylon ruled—and where the lion of Daniel's prophecy reigned.

The Bear – Persia

The Medo-Persian Empire, often just called the Persian Empire, expanded even further. It covered Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, parts of Pakistan, and reached westward into Turkey and even into Libya. Its reach was vast and strong—like a bear.

The Leopard – Greece

Under Alexander the Great, the Grecian Empire (symbolized by the leopard) conquered territories from Egypt through Israel, Turkey, and eastward into the same regions as Persia—Afghanistan, Pakistan, and into India. This empire was fast, powerful, and widespread—hence the leopard imagery.

Now if you superimpose the territories of these three empires—Babylon, Persia, and Greece—you get a clear picture of the area described in Revelation 13. This combined beast, the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast, is rooted in the Middle East, not in Western Europe, America, or global banking systems.

And that's the first big correction we need to make:

This prophecy is not describing a global system—it's describing a regional empire centered in the Islamic world.

Let's be clear: The effects of this beast will be felt globally, but the beast itself is not global. The mark, the system, and the persecution arise from the Middle Eastern Islamic world—not from Silicon Valley, Brussels, or Washington, D.C.

This is a huge departure from what many have been taught. Why? Because for the past century, Christian prophecy teaching has been dominated by Western-focused theories. People looked to Rome, the Catholic Church, or the European Union. But the Bible points us somewhere else entirely.

The Eighth Beast: Islam

Revelation 17 tells us there are seven kings (kingdoms), and the eighth is of the seven. That means it is a revival or continuation of something that came before.

Islam fits that perfectly. It resurrects the territories and ideologies of those previous beasts—Babylon, Persia, and Greece—and wraps them into a final empire of religious, political, and military power. It is not coincidence that Islam is rooted in the very territories of those ancient empires.

And let's be honest—Islam is the only system today that aggressively fits all the characteristics of the beast in Revelation. It denies the deity of Christ, it persecutes believers, it forces allegiance, and it is expanding. It is both geopolitical and religious, just like the beast described in Scripture.

So when Revelation says that the beast "causes all" to receive a mark—who is the "all"? Many assume this means everyone on Earth. But that's not necessarily true. The "all" must be understood in context: it refers to those under the beast's domain. And the domain is the Middle East and surrounding Islamic territories.

Does that mean the rest of the world is unaffected? Not at all. But the core enforcement of this system is in the beast's home territory. And that's exactly what we see in the real world today. Where is Christian persecution the most intense? In Islamic countries. Where is freedom to worship Jesus most restricted? Again—in those same places.

Why Most 666 Theories Fail

Back in Chapter 1, we listed many of the popular but flawed ideas about 666 and the mark of the beast. Everything from microchips to barcodes to national ID systems has been proposed. Why are they all wrong?

Because they miss the most important detail: 666 is a number tied to a man AND to a system. The mark is about allegiance and worship, not scanning groceries.

Yes, the world is heading toward a cashless society. Yes, digital currency and surveillance are growing. But none of that is the mark of the beast unless it also demands spiritual submission and identification with the beast.

In Islamic law (Sharia), such spiritual allegiance is already enforced. Deny Muhammad or the Koran in many countries and you face persecution—or death. Profess allegiance to Allah and his prophet, and you're allowed to trade, work, and live in peace. That is what Scripture means when it says, "no one can buy or sell except those who have the mark."

It's not a barcode—it's a belief system.

And that's where many Christians have missed it. The technology is a distraction. The real battle is for worship, truth, and eternal identity.

What's Next

In the next chapters, we'll dive deeper into:

- Scriptural examples of how God has always used marking—both to identify His people and to separate the lost.
- The origin of spiritual marks (beginning with Cain), and how God sees marks that others don't.
- How Islam's symbols, declarations, and worship align with the true meaning of the mark of the beast.

We'll look at history, the Hebrew and Greek meanings, and most importantly, we'll let the Bible speak for itself. The truth about the mark is not hidden—it's right there in the Word, waiting for those with eyes to see and ears to hear.

CHAPTER 3

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 3

As we continue to explore the mystery of the **Mark of the Beast**, we must now shift our attention from **speculation** to **Scriptural precedent**.

To understand what this **mark** is, we need to ask a critical question:

Has God marked people before?

The answer is yes. In fact, God has been marking people since the very beginning. Throughout Scripture, we see two types of people: those marked by **God**, and those marked by the **enemy**. The concept of spiritual and even physical marking is not new—it is deeply biblical.

Let's go all the way back to **Genesis 4**, to the story of **Cain and Abel**. After Cain murdered his brother Abel, God confronted him:

> ***"And the Lord said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him." — Genesis 4:15***

This is the **first mention of a mark** in the Bible. Whatever this mark was, it was **visible** enough that others would recognize it. It wasn't symbolic. It served a purpose: to identify Cain as one who had committed a serious act, and yet was under God's protection from vengeance.

Now, some ask: why would God protect Cain? He committed murder. But Scripture reveals something deeper. Cain never repented. His concern was not for the sin he committed—but for the punishment he received. His complaint was essentially, "My punishment is too much for me to bear." There was no remorse, no confession.

Even so, **God marked him**—not as one of His own, but as one set apart. This was not a mark of grace. It was a mark of judgment and consequence.

This sets a pattern that continues through Scripture:

- **God marks His people.**
- **The enemy marks his followers.**
- **Everyone is marked by someone.**

Let's explore another key example—**Ezekiel 9**.

The Vision of Ezekiel

In Ezekiel 8–9, God gives the prophet a vision. He sees Israel's leaders and people committing abominations—worshiping idols, turning their backs on the temple, and even weeping for the pagan god **Tammuz**.

God's judgment is about to fall, but He makes a distinction between the **faithful remnant** and the **corrupt majority**.

> ***"And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." — Ezekiel 9:4***

This mark was spiritual, not visible to human eyes. Yet, it was **real**. It protected those who remained faithful to God amid widespread rebellion.

Following this marking, judgment comes swiftly. God sends out executioners to slay all who do not bear the mark—starting at the **sanctuary**. That's right, judgment began with the religious leaders, those who were supposed to know better.

This scene parallels the story recorded in **2 Chronicles 36**, during the time of King **Zedekiah**. The people had defiled God's temple, ignored His prophets, and embraced the paganism of surrounding nations. Eventually, God allowed the **Babylonians** to bring judgment. Those who were spiritually marked were spared, taken into captivity but not destroyed.

So we see two things:

1. God marks His faithful, even when judgment is coming.
2. That mark may not be visible in the physical world—but it is **absolutely visible in the spiritual realm**.

New Testament Sealing

This theme of spiritual marking continues in the New Testament. Believers are said to be **sealed by the Holy Spirit**—another form of divine marking.

> ***"Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." — 2 Corinthians 1:22***
> ***"...ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance..." — Ephesians 1:13–14***
> ***"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." — Ephesians 4:30***

This seal isn't a tattoo or brand. It's a spiritual identity—God's claim upon your life. Just as the enemy seeks to mark his own, God seals His people with the Holy Spirit as a **down payment of salvation** and a **sign of ownership**.

This again reinforces the pattern: **You are either sealed by God or marked by the enemy. There is no neutral ground.**

Spiritual vs. Physical Marks

Let's pause and emphasize a critical truth:

Just because a mark can be **seen in the spiritual realm**, doesn't mean it's visible to human eyes. Most marks in Scripture operate **in the unseen**, but they carry very real consequences.

Cain's mark may have been physical. But the sealing in Ezekiel and the New Testament is **spiritual**—and just as powerful.

That's why the mark of the beast must also be understood in this dual context:

- ✔ It has **physical implications** (buying, selling, allegiance).
- ✔ But it is rooted in a **spiritual identity**—worshiping the beast and rejecting Christ.

This is where many 666 theories fall short. They focus on **devices** instead of **devotion**. They search for **technology**, when Scripture calls us to examine **theology**.

The mark of the beast is not just a system—it's a **symbol of submission** to a false god and a false prophet. And that's exactly what we see in Islamic territories today. Deny Allah or Muhammad, and you're shut out of society—or worse.

Let's Get Practical

Imagine if you could invent a special camera—one that captured **spiritual marks**. What would it reveal?

- Some would be seen with a glowing seal of the Holy Spirit.
- Others would bear the mark of rebellion.
- Many might look outwardly religious, but be spiritually empty.

Thankfully, **God doesn't need a camera**. He sees every heart, every mark, every soul. He knows who belongs to Him—and who doesn't.

> ***"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal,***
> ***The Lord knoweth them that are his." — 2 Timothy 2:19***

That is our assurance. When judgment comes—like in Ezekiel's vision—**God spares those who are His.**

Coming Up Next

In the next chapter, we'll examine how **Satan mimics God's marking system**, and how this has played out through false religions—especially **Islam**.

We'll also explore how ancient symbols (like the Hebrew letter **Tau**) were corrupted over time and how the **cross**, though now a Christian emblem, may have origins tied to pagan religion and false messiahs like **Tammuz**.

Prepare to have your eyes opened. The truth is in the Word—and the trail of the mark runs all the way from Genesis to Revelation.

CHAPTER 4

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 4

Let's take a moment to reflect on how God deals with humanity throughout history. We've seen how the concept of a "mark" goes all the way back to Cain. But the real heart of the matter isn't just about marks on foreheads or hands—it's about **allegiance**. It's about **who you worship**, **who you follow**, and **who you trust**.

God makes it clear in His Word that He does not take second place in anyone's life. He is either first or He is nothing at all. This principle has never changed.

In **Romans 1**, the Apostle Paul describes what happens when people exchange the truth of God for a lie. They begin to worship created things rather than the Creator. This isn't just an abstract idea—it's exactly what's happening in the world today. People are pledging their allegiance to systems, ideologies, and religions that reject the authority of Jesus Christ.

The mark of the beast is the **ultimate expression of this rebellion**. It's not just a physical mark—it's a symbol of **devotion to a false god**. It reflects a heart that has chosen darkness over light, lies over truth, and Antichrist over Christ.

God's Consistency

We must remember that **God never changes**. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Just as He required loyalty and obedience from His people in the Old Testament, He requires it today. The standard has not shifted.

In the book of **Ezekiel**, we saw that God marked those who mourned over sin. In the book of **Revelation**, we see a beast marking those who choose to worship it. This contrast is stark—and intentional.

It tells us something profound: **Everyone will be marked—by God or by Satan.** There is no middle ground. Neutrality is not an option.

The Cost of Compromise

The modern Church must come to terms with this. We cannot serve two masters. Jesus said plainly that we must choose. Many Christians want the benefits of salvation without the cost of discipleship. But in the days ahead, such compromise will not stand.

Taking the mark of the beast isn't just about survival—it's about **submission**. It's about choosing to obey a system that demands loyalty in exchange for comfort, convenience, and safety. But in doing so, the soul is lost.

This is what Satan offers: temporal security in exchange for eternal ruin.

We're already seeing hints of this system at work. Around the world, especially in **Islamic territories**, people are forced to **declare allegiance to Allah and Muhammad** just to function in society. In some countries, if you refuse, you can't work, buy property, or even live freely.

Doesn't that sound familiar?

> ***"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark..." — Revelation 13:17***

It's happening right now.

It's Not About Technology

Too often, people get caught up in the idea that the mark will be some futuristic technology—an implant, a chip, a barcode. But the Bible is clear: the issue is **worship**.

Yes, technology may play a role in the delivery of the mark. But that's not what makes it evil. What makes the mark of the beast dangerous is that it **represents a rejection of Jesus Christ** and an embrace of a false god.

The real battle is spiritual. The real danger is deception.

Satan doesn't need a microchip to lead people to hell. All he needs is their **loyalty**. And through false religion, lies, fear, and persecution, he's getting exactly that.

The Call to Stand

So where does this leave us?

As believers, we must make up our minds now—not later. When the pressure comes, when the mark is offered, when society demands our allegiance to a false system, **we must stand firm**.

We must remember who we are, **who we belong to**, and **what we've been called to**.

We are the redeemed. We are marked—not by the beast, but by the Holy Spirit. And our allegiance is not for sale.

CHAPTER 5

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 5

We've spent time exploring the mark of the beast—its name, number, and spiritual implications. But now, we must step further back and examine the **origin of the cross itself**, a symbol that many assume began with Christ. Surprisingly, its history stretches far beyond Calvary.

Most people believe Jesus died on a traditional cross. But historical and scriptural clues suggest otherwise. The term often translated "cross" in the Bible refers to a stake or tree. Many early executions were done on vertical poles, not T-shaped crosses. In fact, the "cross" predates Christ by centuries—it was a **pagan symbol** tied to figures like **Tammuz**, **Semiramis**, and **Nimrod**.

The roots go even deeper—to **Cush**, father of Nimrod, and ultimately back to **Ham**, son of Noah. I believe Ham passed down knowledge used to establish false religions and gods. Cush reintroduced chaos after the flood, and his descendants built systems of worship in opposition to the true God. These religious practices carried forward through the centuries.

Constantine and the Cross

Fast forward to **Constantine**, a Roman emperor pivotal in the Church's history. Before his rise, Christians were heavily persecuted. But Constantine changed that—though not for purely spiritual reasons.

As he prepared for the **Battle of Milvian Bridge**, Constantine reportedly had a vision: a cross appeared in the sky with the words, *"In this sign conquer."* Inspired, he adopted the cross as a military symbol. He won the battle, declared conversion, and Christianity was soon given favored status throughout the empire.

But this story is questionable. Its only source is **Eusebius**, a historian known for embellishment. Even if the vision occurred, would Jesus—*the Prince of Peace*—really tell a pagan ruler to conquer under a cross?

The Roman Empire is described in **Daniel 7** as the fourth beast, more dreadful than those before it. It makes no biblical sense that Jesus would endorse that empire's conquest under His symbol. God used other empires like Medo-Persia to fulfill prophecy, but He never told Rome to protect or promote Christianity.

A Questionable Conversion

Constantine's conversion was **superficial at best**. While he supported Christian bishops and outlawed crucifixion, his personal life revealed a different story. He murdered his son Crispus, his wife Fausta, and other family members. These were not the actions of a man truly transformed by the Spirit of God.

Historians agree: Constantine's Christianity was politically motivated. He saw a divided empire and sought to unify it through religion. Blending paganism and Christianity, he created a **syncretic faith**, one that appeased both Christians and sun-worshipers like his own soldiers. The cross served as a convenient symbol already familiar in both camps.

This fusion weakened the Church. Prior to Constantine, persecution had made believers strong. Under pressure, the Church was purified. But with political favor came compromise—and eventually, corruption. The **Dark Ages** began with this watering down of the faith.

Pagan Influence in the Church

Even before Constantine's vision, Christians had started embracing pagan elements. The cross was one such adoption. Constantine didn't invent its use—he just gave it **imperial power**.

He positioned himself as a mediator between paganism and Christianity, and both sides accepted the arrangement. Christians, weary of persecution, embraced the new political peace—even if it came at a spiritual cost.

Constantine remained **Pontifex Maximus**, head of pagan religion. His dedication of Constantinople combined Christian and pagan rituals. His coins bore Christian crosses alongside pagan gods like Mars and Apollo. He used magic formulas for healing and crop protection while professing Christ.

This wasn't biblical Christianity—it was **religion repurposed for power**.

Legends, Relics, and Idolatry

Later, Constantine's mother, **Helena**, visited Jerusalem and claimed to discover the "true cross." One of the crosses she found supposedly healed people, convincing her it belonged to Christ. Pieces of it were sent back to Rome—one nail for Constantine's helmet, another for his horse's bridle.

But this story emerged **114 years after Helena's death** and was likely legend. Jewish law required crucifixion crosses to be burned. Even if she had found one, would it hold any power? No more than the **brass serpent** Moses lifted in the wilderness—an object later destroyed by Hezekiah when it became an idol (2 Kings 18).

The same thing happened with the cross. It became a **charm**, a **superstition**, believed to ward off evil or lightning. Pieces of "the true cross" were sold like magical relics. The Church had slipped from worshiping the risen Christ to revering a symbol twisted from pagan origins.

The Cross and the Beast System

This matters because the cross eventually became **a tool of deception**—something Satan repurposed to unify pagans and Christians under one beastly system. Though it's not the mark of the beast itself, the cross plays a **supporting role** in how the system was built.

Christianity and paganism became so intertwined that many believers couldn't tell the difference. Holidays, festivals, relics, and even doctrines were mingled. The Church began bowing to emperors, adopting their politics, and abandoning its purity.

Satan didn't destroy Christianity—he **diluted** it.

And now, just as in the days of Constantine, the world is heading toward another fusion—of politics, religion, and false unity. The mark of the beast will demand allegiance, and many will give it willingly, already conditioned by centuries of spiritual compromise.

A Call to Discernment

This is why it's vital we understand the **true history** of symbols like the cross. If we don't know where things came from, we won't recognize how Satan twists truth into deception.

The cross is not the mark of the beast. But its **misuse** throughout history is part of the beast system that prepares the world to accept the real mark.

And many believers—good, sincere people—are **already being marked** without realizing it.

Let's stay alert, stay grounded in Scripture, and hold fast to the truth. These are the last days—and the message must be kept alive.

CHAPTER 6

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 6

Let's return to **Revelation 13:16–18**, a pivotal passage for understanding the mark of the beast:

> ***"And he [the beast] causes all—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to receive a mark in their right hand or on their foreheads, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, the name of the beast, or the number of his name... it is the number of a man, and his number is 666."***

This Scripture reveals a sobering truth: to understand the mark, we must know the name and identity of the beast. If you've followed the teachings in this series, you know that the **8th beast**—who was also the **7th**—is **Islam**. The evidence points to the Middle East and Islam's role in prophetic fulfillment concerning Israel.

If you believe that, then the **name and number of the beast must also be tied to Islam**. It's the only logical conclusion. If you reject that connection, then you're rejecting everything built up to this point in these teachings. If you don't properly identify the beast, you're guaranteed to miss the mark—literally and spiritually.

Marked by God or the Enemy

Throughout history, humanity has always been marked—either by **God** or by **the devil**. There are no neutral parties. You're either His, through faith in Christ, or unknowingly aligned with the enemy.

In Genesis 4, we see that **Cain was marked by God**. Why? Because he rejected the correct sacrifice and acted in defiance. He offered what he thought best, instead of what God required—something Satan has encouraged from the beginning. Even after killing his brother Abel, Cain showed no repentance. His plea wasn't for forgiveness but for protection. And God, in mercy, gave him a **visible mark** so others wouldn't kill him.

This wasn't a spiritual mark; it was physical. The fact that others recognized it meant it was seen. It was **God's mark**—not Satan's—but the devil's influence led Cain to that point.

We also discussed the **cross** in previous chapters. The Greek words *stauros* and *xulon*, often translated "cross," refer to a stake or tree—another example of bad translation shaping our perception. The true "cross" as a **symbol** dates back to **pagan traditions**, including Babylonian religions founded by Cush, Nimrod, Semiramis, and Tammuz.

Satan twisted the symbol for his own purposes. It became a **spiritual counterfeit**, used in many cultures and religions as a charm of protection or even as a way to mock God. Its origins go far deeper than Christ's crucifixion.

Satan's Copycat Religion

Satan doesn't create—he **copies**. He's the ultimate counterfeiter. Whatever God institutes, Satan imitates, then distorts it to serve his own ends—and slaps a "religious" label on it to deceive the masses.

The **mark of the beast** in Revelation 13 is **not a new concept**. It is a **copy** of what God had already implemented in Scripture. And the Christian world has been spiritually blinded by centuries of false interpretations, ignoring what's been plainly visible in God's Word all along.

Let's look back at **Exodus 13**. In verse 9 we read:

> ***"It shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes..."***

This parallels the **marking in Revelation 13**. The hand and forehead were already symbolic locations for spiritual allegiance. God used this **visible sign** to help His people remember His deliverance from Egypt and to teach future generations.

In **Deuteronomy 6**, God commands His people to love Him fully, teach His words diligently, and bind them "as a sign upon thine hand" and "as frontlets between thine eyes." It's repeated again in **Deuteronomy 11**. Clearly, God marked His people long before the beast came into view.

From Scripture to Tradition: The Tefillin

Over time, these Scriptures were taken literally by Jewish tradition. Enter the **Tefillin** (or *Phylacteries*)—small black leather boxes tied to the arm and forehead, containing handwritten verses of the Torah. These became outward symbols of inward commitment.

But just like with other religious objects, the **practice became ritualistic**. The tradition developed rules and customs not found in Scripture, turning a powerful symbol into a religious formula.

And once again, **Satan mimicked the pattern**. The mark in Revelation isn't a random future invention—it is a **twisted imitation of God's original mark**. Satan always hijacks what God uses, transforming it for deception.

A Wake-Up Call to the Church

Some preachers treat Revelation 13 as if it describes a completely new event. But it's not. The mark has existed **throughout history**—in many forms—and is already active today. The real danger is not that it will come, but that it has already begun. And those who fail to recognize the beast (Islam) are already deceived.

Modern believers are often **too timid to share the truth**. We avoid spiritual conversations out of politeness or fear of offense. But the Bible tells us to **speak of the Lord constantly**—when sitting at home, walking by the way, lying down, and rising up (Deuteronomy 6:7). Why do we talk so easily about trivial things but stay silent about Christ?

If we've been sealed by the **Holy Spirit**, we are already marked by God. That spiritual seal is more powerful than any visible sign. Demons recognize it. Satan recognizes it. And they tremble.

But Satan continues trying to counterfeit it. Through false religion, through symbols like the cross, and through systems like the 8th Beast (Islam), he offers a **counterfeit mark** that looks religious, feels spiritual, but leads people away from the truth.

Choose the Right Mark

You are either **marked by God** through faith in Jesus Christ or **marked by the beast** through deception. There is no third option.

The seal of the Holy Spirit is our guarantee, our down payment on the promises of God. And it's **visible in the spiritual realm**—not just to God, but also to Satan and his army. And they tremble at it.

So, which mark are you wearing? The blessing or the curse?

Glory to God if you are sealed by His Spirit and walk in His truth.

CHAPTER 7

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 7

Let's turn our attention to **Job**—a man not often connected to end-times prophecy or the mark of the beast. Yet, his story gives us powerful insight into the idea of being **marked by God**, and how that mark distinguishes the righteous in a world full of suffering, confusion, and testing.

Job was a man described as blameless, upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. He had wealth, a large family, and divine protection. But Satan accused him before God, arguing that Job's faithfulness was only because of his blessings. God allowed Satan to test Job, and Job's life fell apart—his possessions, his children, and even his health were taken from him. Yet Job remained faithful.

Even when his wife told him to "curse God and die," and his friends insisted he must be guilty of some hidden sin, **Job refused to give up on God**. His body may have been broken, but his spirit remained marked by trust.

Job said, *"Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him."* That's the voice of someone who has a deep, enduring spiritual mark—a heart that refuses to turn away, even in the darkest moments.

"Behold, My Mark"

In Job 19:25, Job proclaims something extraordinary:

> ***"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth."***

Think about that. Job had no written Bible, no prophetic scrolls in his hands. Yet somehow, through divine revelation, he knew that a **Redeemer** would come—and that this Redeemer would one day stand on the earth. This is a powerful expression of spiritual insight.

Later, in Job 31:35, the Hebrew text uses the word **Tav**—a symbol that means *mark*. It's often translated "desire" in English Bibles, but its root meaning is "signature" or "seal." Job is essentially saying, *"Behold, my mark."* In ancient Hebrew, the letter Tav was written like a cross or an X, symbolizing a sign of covenant or ownership.

Throughout Scripture, God marks His people. Cain was marked to protect him. The Israelites marked their doorposts with the blood of the lamb during Passover. In both cases, the mark served as a visible sign of **separation and protection**—a boundary between those who belonged to God and those who did not.

The Blood as a Mark

In **Exodus 12**, God instructed the Israelites to place the blood of a lamb on their doorposts so the destroyer would pass over them. This was more than symbolism—it was a physical, visible act of obedience. God honored that mark, not because of the blood itself, but because it reflected faith and obedience.

The same principle applies to us today. We are marked—not with visible paint or ink—but with the **blood of Jesus Christ**. That blood is what sets us apart from the world. It's our identity, our covering, and our protection.

Satan's Counterfeit

But Satan, as always, imitates what God does. The mark of the beast is not a new invention—it is a **counterfeit** of God's original design. Satan doesn't create; he counterfeits. He mimics God's truth in twisted ways to deceive those who aren't rooted in Scripture.

The beast system introduced in Revelation offers its own mark—a false seal that signifies loyalty not to God, but to a corrupt world system. Just as the Tav represented life, blessing, and covenant with God, the mark of the beast represents bondage, deception, and allegiance to darkness.

Satan doesn't need to reinvent the wheel—he simply copies what God has already done, then repackages it to appeal to human pride and fear.

A Warning to the Church

Modern Christian teaching often focuses on the "666" or obsesses over microchips and technology. But the real threat isn't in the gadgetry—it's in the **spiritual deception**. People are more concerned with future scenarios than present faithfulness. The mark isn't just coming—it's already forming in hearts that have turned away from truth.

The story of Job reminds us what it means to be truly marked by God. It's not about what's visible on the outside—it's about **what's been sealed on the inside**. Job's perseverance was evidence of a heart deeply connected to God.

He didn't fold under pressure. He didn't give in to despair. He said, *"Behold, my mark."* That's the cry of someone who knows where he stands—and **who he belongs to**.

And today, that's the same mark you and I must carry.

We are marked by the blood of the Lamb. That's the only mark that matters.

CHAPTER 8

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 8

Let's revisit Revelation 13:16–18, one of the most hotly debated and misunderstood passages in all of prophecy.

Many through the centuries have tried to crack the code of the "mark," the "name," and the "number" of the beast. Even the brilliant Isaac Newton attempted it in his book, *Observations upon the Prophecies of Daniel and the Apocalypse of St. John*. Though once considered a genius in physics, when it came to prophecy, Newton had access to far less fulfilled history than we do now. He made the best guess he could—but it was flawed, like many others.

Newton speculated that the **mark was a cross**, associating it with the Catholic Church, which he believed to be the Antichrist or the false prophet. While the Catholic system has its issues (and will be addressed later), Newton's interpretation didn't hit the mark. His conclusion was based on the context of his time, not on a fuller understanding of the prophecy's historical timeline—particularly the fulfillment of events in **1948 and 1967**, and other developments in the last 100 years.

Why study these outdated interpretations? Because to present the truth, we must compare it against what has been wrongly assumed and see how Scripture actually aligns with reality.

Rethinking the "Number of the Beast"

The controversy surrounding **666** goes deeper than most realize. Some ancient manuscripts even record the number as **616** or **665**. So which is correct?

The problem lies in the **translation** choices made centuries ago. The translators, working with Greek texts, had **two main options** when approaching Revelation 13:18. They chose to interpret the text through a **numbering system**, leading to the "666" we all know. But what if they chose the wrong interpretive path?

Let's walk through the key Greek words in this verse.

Revelation 13:18

> ***"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."***

Let's break it down.

"Here is Wisdom" (Greek: *Hode estin sophia*)

In Greek, this phrase can be more accurately translated as:

"Here is a riddle."

The word *sophia* wasn't just "wisdom" in an abstract sense—it was used for solving **complex problems or riddles**, much like we use the word "philosophy" (love of wisdom). To the Greeks, it implied a puzzle to be worked through.

This reframes the verse entirely: **"Here is a riddle."** Not a plain instruction to add numbers, but a clue that something deeper is going on.

"Count" (Greek: *psephizo*)

Most Bible versions translate *psephizo* as "count," reinforcing the idea of numbers. But in classical Greek, it had two meanings:

1. **To count using pebbles** (as in voting),
2. **To reckon or decide**—to make a judgment or come to a conclusion.

The translators focused on the first meaning, missing the deeper sense of *discernment*. If they had seen the prophecy's context through the lens of **discernment**, not mathematics, they might have offered a very different translation.

"Number" (Greek: *arithmos*)

Here's the biggest twist.

The Greek word *arithmos* can indeed mean **number**—but **only** when referring to actual digits. When referring to people, *arithmos* means **multitude**.

And in this verse, *arithmos* is directly tied to **a man**—or rather, to humanity as a whole.

The Corrected Translation

Let's now apply what we've learned and reshape the verse:

Corrected Reading of Revelation 13:18

> ***"Here is a riddle. Let him who has understanding discern the multitude of the beast, for it is the multitude of man; and this multitude is..."***

Notice what's missing? **666**. The "number" may not be a number at all—it may be a **symbolic reference to a vast group**, a collective identity that opposes Christ.

The confusion all began when early translators had to make a choice. They chose numbers. But they could not see what had not yet been revealed. Like the wise men who discerned Christ's arrival through signs in the heavens, the fulfillment of prophecy today gives us clearer vision—if we're willing to see it.

Prophecy Revealed Over Time

The translators of the King James Bible couldn't have known what we now see. In their time, **Islam was not recognized** as the 7th or 8th beast. But now, with prophecy fulfilled over the past 70 years, the pieces come together. As we look again at Revelation with this fresh understanding, the riddle becomes clearer.

God unveils truth **in due time**—and this is one of those times.

A Warning to the Church

Many Christians have accepted science fiction as theology—expecting barcodes, chips, or future dictators to reveal the beast. But Scripture points not to **technology**, but to **identity**—to **who** and **what** people worship and align themselves with.

We must stop fearing the number 6. It is not Satan's number. That superstition is based on **bad interpretation**, not biblical truth. The real danger lies in **aligning with a multitude of man**, rather than with the Lamb.

So what is the mark? What is this multitude? We're just getting started.

To be continued…

CHAPTER 9

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 9

In the last chapter, we looked closely at Revelation 13:18 and discovered that the "number of the beast" may not be a number at all—but a **multitude**, a collective identity rather than a mathematical code. Now, we move further into this mystery.

To understand the mark, we need to revisit what John the Apostle actually **saw**—not just what he wrote.

What Did John See?

John was a Hebrew-speaking Jew, writing while exiled on the island of Patmos. He received this vision from Jesus and recorded it in Greek. But here's the key: **the vision itself was visual**—not verbal.

That means when John saw the infamous "666," he wasn't seeing Greek numerals. He saw **symbols or characters**—something visual that he then attempted to communicate in the language available to him.

What if what John saw wasn't three sixes at all?

Many biblical scholars and theologians now believe that the characters John recorded as "chi xi stigma" (Χ ξ ϛ) in Greek may have **looked like Arabic** to him—or rather, like the Islamic symbol for **"In the name of Allah"** (بسم الله). The Arabic script for "In the name of Allah" is strikingly similar in shape to the Greek characters John used.

In fact, when these Greek letters are viewed through the lens of an ancient Hebrew reader unfamiliar with Arabic, the resemblance becomes even more compelling.

John, in trying to capture what he saw, may have written **symbols that were never meant to be interpreted as numbers**—but instead as foreign characters, later misunderstood by translators unfamiliar with Arabic.

The Connection to Islam

Let's step back and remember the broader context of Revelation 13. We are dealing with:

- A beast system
- A global requirement for worship
- A mark on the hand or forehead
- An identity tied to buying and selling
- A name or symbol of allegiance

And what modern system demands public allegiance, uses a physical gesture of worship (bowing, hand to forehead), and threatens economic exclusion for noncompliance?

Islam.

In many Islamic nations today, one cannot:

- Buy land
- Sell goods
- Hold government positions
- Even live peacefully…

...unless they declare allegiance to **Allah and Muhammad**—often using the exact phrase: **"Bismillah" (in the name of Allah).**

This phrase is not just a greeting. It's a **public confession of submission**, a required affirmation of faith that is repeated in daily prayers, legal documents, and even **military banners**.

If John saw that phrase—or something like it—displayed on the forehead or hand in his vision, it would make sense that he would describe it in the only way he knew: by drawing its closest Greek visual equivalents.

The Danger of Wrong Assumptions

The Church has spent decades fearing technology—barcodes, microchips, QR codes—when the real danger is much older, much deeper, and already **functioning today**.

Muslims around the world already wear headbands and armbands inscribed with this phrase. In wartime or protest, many proudly display these marks as part of their identity. They are worn on the forehead and on the arm—**exactly as described in Revelation**.

Yet many believers have been conditioned to look for something futuristic instead of recognizing what is already in place.

Understanding the Riddle

Remember Revelation 13:18:

> ***"Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding calculate (discern) the number (multitude) of the beast..."***

John's vision wasn't of a digital implant—it was of a spiritual counterfeit, a system of worship, and a mark of **allegiance**. That's exactly what Islam requires: submission, public declaration, and visible loyalty to its creed and its prophet.

The Greek letters John used (chi, xi, stigma) were likely never meant to be interpreted as numbers, but as shapes—foreign script he didn't recognize. Over time, these were misunderstood, leading the Church down a path of speculation rather than discernment.

We're not saying every Muslim is the beast, nor is this a call to fear individuals. This is about a **spiritual system** that fits the biblical description of the beast **better than any other**.

Time to Rethink

This chapter challenges centuries of assumption. But it's not meant to stir controversy—it's meant to wake up the Church.

We need to:

- Stop focusing on microchips and instead study the **identity and practices** of the system described in Revelation.
- Recognize that the **mark of the beast is spiritual first**, and often physical only as an outward sign of inner allegiance.
- Understand that John saw something very real—something we are now in a position to finally recognize.

The beast is not coming. **He's already here.**

And the mark? Many are already wearing it.

CHAPTER 10

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 10

Let's return once more to Revelation 13:18:

> ***"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six."***

We've previously explored how this passage might have been mistranslated—not referring to literal numbers, but to **a multitude**, or even **visual symbols** misinterpreted as Greek letters. In this chapter, we take that understanding a step further and examine how it ties to the beast system—specifically through **language, names, and allegiance**.

The Beast and His Name

The passage tells us to "count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man." Many assume this "man" is a singular figure, like an Antichrist or world dictator. But the Greek here can also mean "humanity" or "mankind." In fact, some translations now read, *"It is the number of man."*

This shifts the focus from an individual to a **system** rooted in human effort, pride, and rebellion—an entire **multitude of people aligned against God**, functioning under the beast's authority.

But there's more. Revelation 13 doesn't just speak of a **mark** or **number**, but also of a **name**—the name of the beast, which is also used to **worship** him. This is crucial.

In Islam, the most central phrase of faith is the **Shahada**:

> ***"There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah."***

This is more than a statement. It is a declaration of **allegiance**—one that every Muslim must recite to enter the faith. This phrase is used in worship, etched on flags, shouted in war, and inscribed on headbands and armbands worn in religious or militant settings.

It is also considered blasphemy in Islamic culture to reject this phrase or to deny Muhammad's status. Those who do so are often **excluded, persecuted, or killed**.

This aligns with Revelation 13:15, which says:

> ***"...and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."***

In many Muslim-majority nations, to refuse the **creed** of Islam is to risk everything—social status, economic access, freedom, and even life.

Interpreting the Symbol

Recall again the Greek characters John recorded—χ ξ ϛ (chi, xi, stigma). As explained previously, many scholars believe these are not numbers at all, but visual representations of what John saw in his vision—symbols that may resemble **Arabic script**.

Specifically, the phrase **"In the name of Allah"** written in Arabic resembles these Greek characters almost exactly. The name of the beast, then, may not be a name like "John" or "Nero"—but a **title of worship**, a phrase used to declare loyalty to a spiritual system in opposition to Christ.

This understanding also ties in with the phrase found in **Revelation 14:11**:

> ***"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."***

The mark of his name. This isn't just a stamp or symbol—it's a name, an identity, an entire ideology. And for many today, that name is declared through **Bismillah** ("In the name of Allah").

Names Have Power

In biblical thought, a name isn't just a label—it represents **character, authority, and allegiance**.

- To be baptized in the name of Jesus is to be **identified with Him.**
- To pray in His name is to invoke **His authority**.
- To be marked by another name means you're aligned with that person or system.

When people wear Islamic slogans on their foreheads and right arms, when they chant "Allahu Akbar" in worship or warfare, when they fly banners with the **name of the beast**—they are aligning themselves with a **spiritual power**.

It's no longer theory. This is happening right now, across nations, in broad daylight.

The Other Mark

While the world is being drawn toward the beast and his name, **God also marks His people**.

Revelation 14:1 describes 144,000 sealed with **the name of the Lamb and the Father** on their foreheads. This is the true mark—**spiritual, visible in the unseen realm**, and tied not to ritual, but to relationship.

You and I are either marked by the beast or by the Lamb. There is no neutral ground.

A Wake-Up Call

Too many in the Church have been taught to fear the wrong things—scanning barcodes, tracking microchips, or speculating about political figures. Meanwhile, the **real mark** is unfolding **right in front of us**, rooted in religion, culture, and spiritual allegiance.

The name of the beast is not a mystery anymore. The multitude is here. The mark is already worn—by the hand and on the forehead—by millions who have been deceived into thinking they are serving truth, when they are actually worshipping the beast.

The end-time showdown isn't about **technology**—it's about **truth**.

The question is not, "When will the mark come?"

It's, **"Whose name is written on your life?"**

CHAPTER 11

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 11

In the last few chapters, we've explored the mark of the beast from multiple angles—Scripture, history, language, and visual symbolism. We've uncovered the possible connection between John's vision in Revelation and Islamic imagery, including the Arabic phrase "Bismillah" ("In the name of Allah") possibly being what John saw.

In this chapter, we'll dig even deeper into how this **mark functions in the world today**, and why its **spiritual meaning** is more important than any future technology or theory.

A Mark of Allegiance, Not a Microchip

Many people still expect the mark of the beast to be a microchip, tattoo, or digital implant. But as we've learned, Scripture speaks of marks in a **spiritual context** long before Revelation.

- In **Exodus**, God marked His people through the blood of the lamb.
- In **Deuteronomy**, His laws were to be bound on hands and between the eyes—symbolizing action and thought.
- In **Revelation**, the beast's mark mimics this—but for evil.

The mark on the forehead and hand represents **belief and action**. It signifies **who you belong to**, **who you serve**, and **whose authority you recognize**. It's about **worship**, not technology.

That's why the Islamic system fits so perfectly. It's not about one man or one device—it's a **multitude of people**, bound together by shared belief, public confession, and visible signs of loyalty.

Visible Signs in the Islamic World

Today, many Muslims wear headbands and armbands bearing the phrase **"Bismillah"** or other religious slogans. These marks often appear:

- On **foreheads and right arms**
- During **prayers**, protests, or war
- As **symbols of loyalty** to Islam and Muhammad

In many cases, refusing to repeat Islamic declarations—or to wear these signs—can lead to **persecution or death**. In some countries, it is **illegal** to reject the central tenets of Islam. This is not future prophecy. This is present reality.

And it mirrors **Revelation 13:15**:

> ***"...that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."***

This passage isn't warning about barcodes or Apple Pay. It's warning about an **ideological system** that demands total allegiance—and punishes those who don't comply.

Revelation 14 – The Other Mark

In contrast to the mark of the beast, **Revelation 14:1** describes those who belong to the Lamb:

> ***"...having His Father's name written in their foreheads."***

This is the real mark—the mark of God. It isn't visible to human eyes, but it is clear in the spiritual realm. Those who walk with Christ, obey His commands, and are sealed by His Spirit have this mark.

And that's the great divide. There are only two marks in the end:

1. The mark of the beast—representing allegiance to man's system
2. The mark of the Lamb—representing covenant with God

A Battle of Worship

Ultimately, the issue is **worship**. Satan wants what belongs to God—your **mind**, your **actions**, and your **allegiance**. The mark of the beast is his counterfeit covenant. It's his attempt to copy what God has done through Christ.

Islam, as a religious system, mirrors much of God's covenantal language—but replaces the Son with a prophet, and grace with law. It denies Jesus as the Son of God, rejects the cross, and elevates a different book as final authority.

That's not just error—it's **anti-Christ** by definition.

What the Church Must See

Many in the Church today still **don't see it**. They've been trained to look for a charismatic political leader or some advanced global technology. But the beast is already active. His mark is already worn. His system is already in place.

And the deception has already begun.

Revelation wasn't written to scare us about the future. It was written to prepare us for the **present**.

Our Hope Is in the Lamb

The good news is that those who belong to Jesus are already marked—by the Holy Spirit, by the blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of God.

We do not fear the beast. We do not bow to false systems. We do not compromise to stay safe.

Instead, we lift our eyes to the One who truly marks us—**not with fear**, but with **freedom**.

The name of our Redeemer is written on our hearts. And **that mark** cannot be erased.

CHAPTER 12

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 12

So far, we've focused on identifying the mark of the beast—its meaning, function, and how it relates to modern-day systems, especially Islam. But now, let's ask a new question: **What about the name of the beast?** And how is it connected to the **image** of the beast and the number we've already explored?

This chapter brings together the puzzle pieces we've been placing on the table throughout this study.

Connecting the Name, Mark, and Number

Revelation 13:17 says:

> ***"...that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."***

This verse gives us **three identifiers**:

1. **The mark**
2. **The name**
3. **The number**

These are not three separate things—but three expressions of the **same allegiance**. Think of them as facets of a single system.

The mark, name, and number all reflect **worship and identity**. They are not random symbols. They declare **to whom you belong**.

The Name of Blasphemy

The beast in Revelation is said to have a name "full of blasphemy" (Revelation 13:1). What could this be?

Let's consider what blasphemy is from a biblical standpoint:

- Claiming to be God (John 10:33)
- Denying Jesus as the Son of God (1 John 2:22)
- Perverting the character or Word of God

Islam, as a system, fits all three.

It:

- Denies that Jesus is the Son of God.
- Claims Muhammad is the final prophet—superseding Christ.
- Rejects the crucifixion and resurrection.
- Calls Christians who believe in the Trinity "blasphemers."

So when Revelation speaks of the **name of the beast**, we must ask: What religious system declares these things while demanding allegiance under penalty of death?

The answer is again clear: **Islam**.

The Image That Speaks

Revelation 13:15 warns:

> ***"...he was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image to be killed."***

What is this **image**? Is it a statue? A hologram? A computer screen?

Let's simplify: In Scripture, an image is a **representation**—something that embodies the character or authority of something else. God made man in His image. Idolaters make physical images to worship false gods.

In Islam, the central image is not physical—but **ideological**. The image of Islam is its **religious system**—its law, its creeds, its culture, and its confession. The **Shahada** ("There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger") is the image in speech. Its enforcement through legal systems, headbands, and banners becomes the visible counterpart.

And it speaks—**loudly**. Across the world, it demands obedience. And where it is law, refusal to confess it brings persecution, imprisonment, or death.

This image isn't made of stone or gold. It's made of **words and laws**, and it's already enforced today.

The Number of His Name

As discussed earlier, the number **666** was a mistranslation or misunderstanding of **symbols** John saw—possibly resembling Arabic script such as "Bismillah" or "In the name of Allah."

This would mean the **number of his name** is not mathematical—but **symbolic**. It represents a multitude of people who have aligned themselves with this name, this image, and this mark.

We must stop looking for futuristic tools like credit chips, laser scanners or A.I. The real threat is already here, and it wears **a name**—one that opposes the name of Jesus Christ.

Our Allegiance Is to a Different Name

Philippians 2:9–11 declares:

> ***"God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow..."***

This is what's really at stake: **Whose name do you carry? Whose name do you bow to?**

You can only bear one name:

- The name of the **Lamb**, which brings life
- Or the name of the **beast**, which brings judgment and death.

There is no middle ground. The world is being sorted—not by denomination or political affiliation—but by **worship**. The beast demands your loyalty. Christ offers you redemption.

Stand Sealed, Not Deceived

The Bible says that God's people are sealed in their foreheads—not with ink, but with truth. The enemy will try to counterfeit that seal with religious systems, political power, and threats of exclusion. But if you belong to Jesus, you are already marked by **His name**.

Let's stay awake, Church. Let's stop being distracted by fictional fears and start recognizing the reality right in front of us.

The beast is here. His image is speaking. His name is being exalted by millions.

But we serve another name—the only name under heaven by which we must be saved.

Jesus The Christ.

CHAPTER 13

THE MARK OF THE BEAST – PART 13

Let's open our Bibles to **Revelation 14**, where we continue our study on the **cup of God's wrath**. We've talked about the **mark, the name, and the image of the beast**, and now we turn to what **happens to those who receive them**.

Revelation 14:9–10 says:

> ***"If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation..."***

There are **two cups** mentioned in Scripture: the **cup of redemption** and the **cup of wrath**. If you've received Christ, you've already drunk from the **cup of redemption**. But for those who reject Him, only the **cup of wrath** remains.

Saved From Wrath

Let's go to **Romans 5:8–10**:

> ***"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us... much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."***

This passage makes a key distinction: **God's wrath is not the same as the tribulation**. Many modern interpretations confuse the two, but **wrath is God's final judgment**, while **tribulation** is a time of trial and testing—even for believers.

Paul assures us: if you've been made right with God through Jesus, you are **saved from wrath**.

God's Promises Are Clear

Let's reinforce this with **1 Thessalonians 1:9–10**:

> ***"...ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven... which delivered us from the wrath to come."***

And **1 Thessalonians 5:9**:

> ***"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ..."***

What a powerful promise! Believers are **not destined** for the wrath of God. Yes, tribulation may come, but the **fiery wrath reserved for the wicked** is not for us.

The Nature of God's Wrath

Romans 1:18 gives us insight into this wrath:

> ***"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men..."***

This wrath is like a **slow-burning volcano**—quiet for a time, building pressure, until one day it erupts with fire and brimstone. It's **not random anger**—it's **measured, righteous judgment** against those who reject His truth.

Just like **Mount St. Helens** erupted after decades of buildup, God's wrath will pour out in fullness. And the **book of Revelation** shows us what that eruption looks like.

The Heavens Declare It

Romans 1:20 continues:

> ***"The invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen... so they are without excuse."***

God even wrote His message in the **heavens**. The **stars and constellations**—what some call the **gospel in the stars**—proclaim God's plan for salvation. Long before written Scripture, the heavens told the story of the Redeemer.

The Bible affirms this in **Psalms 19**:

> ***"The heavens declare the glory of God... day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge."***

This is not astrology—it's **God's original design**, later corrupted by Satan. Just because the world has twisted it doesn't mean we throw out the truth that **God named the stars**, and they once spoke clearly about His Son.

The Constellation Crater and the Cup of Wrath

One key constellation is **Crater**, which means **"cup."** In the heavens, it rests on the back of **Hydra**, the **crooked or fleeing serpent**—a clear image of **Satan**.

This heavenly depiction shows:

- **Leo (Christ)** crushing the serpent's head
- **Crater (the cup of wrath)** being poured out on the serpent
- **Corvus (a raven)** symbolizing judgment and destruction

This is the same **cup of wrath** we read about in Revelation. The stars tell the same story as the Scriptures: the **righteous King** will **judge the serpent and all who follow him**.

Psalm 75:8 supports this:

> ***"For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup... and all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them."***

A Warning and a Promise

Revelation 14 paints a terrifying picture of those who receive the mark:

> ***"They shall be tormented with fire and brimstone... the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever..."***

But there is **good news**. For those in Christ, this judgment is **not our future**. Jesus **already drank the cup** of wrath on our behalf. Through Him, we are saved.

As the stars declare, as Paul affirms, and as Revelation reveals: the **cup of wrath is real**, but so is the **cup of salvation**.

Final Reflection

If you are in Christ, your future is **not wrath**, but **rescue**. You are not appointed to judgment, but to **glory**.

If you are not yet in Christ—this is your wake-up call. **The heavens have spoken**, the Word has been preached, and the **time to respond is now**.

Let your heart be stirred. Let your soul rejoice. Jesus is the Lamb who saves us from wrath. **RUWA!**

CHAPTER 14

GREAT TRIBULATION VS. GOD'S WRATH

Let's begin with **Revelation 14:9**. Many believers have written in, confused about the difference between the **Great Tribulation** and **God's wrath**. It's important to clarify that these are not the same event, though they are often mistakenly combined in popular theology.

Over the past few chapters, we've been discussing the **wrath of God**—a judgment that is yet to come and one that disciples of Jesus **are not destined for**. Scripture makes this clear, particularly in the letters to the Thessalonians.

God's Wrath Is Not the Great Tribulation

Let's be clear: there is **no such phrase in Scripture as "The Great Tribulation."** If you search the original Greek, you won't find it. It's a modern theological invention. People confuse the **Great Tribulation** with **God's wrath**, thinking it all fits into a seven-year timeline, but this is a mistake.

They are **two separate events**, with **different sources** and **distinct purposes**:

- **Tribulation** comes from Satan, often through persecution and suffering.
- **Wrath** is the righteous judgment of God poured out on evil and rebellion.

In Revelation 14:9–10, we see a clear warning: anyone who worships the beast and receives his mark will **drink from the cup of God's wrath**, poured out **without mixture**. This isn't mere affliction—it's divine judgment.

Distinguishing the Two

Tribulation is demonic in origin and often affects believers. Jesus described it in Matthew 24, warning of persecution, violence, and suffering. This type of tribulation didn't even begin during His time on earth but was prophesied as a **future event**.

God's wrath, on the other hand, is His direct response to evil. It is not meant for the believer. The two events overlap in the timeline, but they are not the same thing.

Matthew 24: Understanding Jesus' Words

In **Matthew 24:15**, Jesus refers to the **abomination of desolation**—an event that can be traced to the construction of the **Dome of the Rock** between 688–691 AD. This site denies that God has a Son, which fulfills the blasphemy spoken of by Daniel the prophet.

In verse 21, Jesus says:

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

This is the closest we get to the phrase **"The Great Tribulation"**, but even here, Jesus does **not** use a definite article. A better translation of the verse would be: **"For at that time shall be great tribulation…"**

What Does "Great" Really Mean?

The Greek word for **great** here is **megas**, which can mean many things:

- Great in size
- Great in number
- Great in influence
- Great in space and **time**

In this context, the most accurate understanding is **great in space and time**. Jesus was pointing to a **long, enduring period of suffering and persecution**—a time that began with the abomination in 688 AD and has continued for over 1,400 years.

A History of Persecution

Islam, described as the **7th and 8th Beast**, has been responsible for a prolonged period of persecution. Conservative estimates suggest over **270 million deaths** under Islamic rule, including **60 million Christians** and **80 million Hindus**. That's tribulation on a massive scale—**megas thlipsis**.

Jesus used the term **thlipsis**, which means a **pressing together**—like being squeezed in a vice. That's what tribulation feels like, both personally and historically. In this context, it describes the pressure and suffering inflicted by the Beast.

Tribulation in the New Testament

The word **thlipsis** appears throughout the New Testament:

- **Acts 14:22** reminds believers that "through much tribulation we must enter the kingdom of God."
- **Romans 5:3** speaks of **glorying in tribulations**, knowing they produce endurance.

But never—**not once**—is the phrase "The Great Tribulation" used by the apostles. Jesus alone speaks of "great tribulation," and He was pointing to a **specific period** of immense persecution, not a vague future event tied to speculative timelines.

You Are Not Alone

In **John 16:33**, Jesus assures us:

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

We are not left alone in our suffering. Even during times of **great tribulation**, Jesus is with us. He has already conquered the Beast and the world. And although God's **wrath is still to come,** we have the promise that those in Christ are **not appointed to wrath**.

Final Encouragement

The **tribulation brought by the Beast** is real. It began in history and continues today. But it is **not** the wrath of God. And it is **not** some fantasy scenario of global destruction wrapped up in a seven-year timeline.

God's wrath will come—but only on the wicked. Believers are spared by the blood of Jesus.

So hang in there. Christ has overcome. You are not alone. RUWA!

CHAPTER 15

LUCIFER AND ALLAH

We've seen the clear parallels between the beast system in Revelation and the Islamic system that now spans the globe. But there's a deeper layer we must now uncover—one that links **Lucifer himself** to the entity many call **Allah**.

Is it possible that the god of Islam, who demands submission and denies the Son of God, is none other than the enemy of our souls—**Lucifer**—in disguise?

Let's examine what the Scriptures reveal and compare it with Islamic theology, history, and language.

Who Is Lucifer?

In **Isaiah 14:12**, we read:

> ***"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"***

The name "Lucifer" is taken from the Latin **lux ferre**, meaning "light-bearer." In the Hebrew, the word is **"Helel"**, which means **brightness** or **shining one**.

This passage is a **prophetic dual reference**. It addresses the **king of Babylon**, but it also reveals the **spiritual power behind him**—the fallen angel who sought to exalt himself above God.

Five "I Wills" of Rebellion

Isaiah 14:13–14 outlines Lucifer's rebellion:

1. *"I will ascend into heaven."*
2. *"I will exalt my throne above the stars of God."*
3. *"I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation."*
4. *"I will ascend above the heights of the clouds."*
5. *"I will be like the Most High."*

This is the heart of Satan's rebellion: **he wants to be God.**

He doesn't want to overthrow religion—he wants to **rule it**. His strategy is **counterfeit worship**. He presents himself as a god, deceiving the world into giving him the adoration due only to the Creator.

This is why **Revelation 13** speaks of a beast that is worshipped. Behind this beast is the same ancient spirit—**Lucifer, the deceiver**.

Who Is Allah?

Islam claims that **Allah** is the same God as the God of Abraham. But there are stark differences:

- Allah has **no son**
- Allah offers **no assurance of salvation**
- Allah is unknowable, distant, and severe
- Allah demands total **submission** (Islam means "submission")
- Allah's highest value is not love—but power

Contrast this with the **God of the Bible**:

- He gave His only Son (John 3:16)
- He is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love
- He offers relationship, grace, and freedom—not forced servitude

Same Character, Different Name?

Let's examine the **fruit** of these two identities. Jesus said:

> ***"You will know them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:16)***

Throughout history, those who follow the biblical God have been called to **love their enemies**, **bless those who curse them**, and **preach the gospel of peace**.

In contrast, Islamic theology, in both the Qur'an and Hadiths, repeatedly calls for:

- **Jihad** (holy war)
- **Death to infidels**
- **The eradication of Jews and Christians**
- **Submission or death** for those who refuse to convert

These are not fringe beliefs—they are **mainstream teachings** in many Islamic contexts.

This behavior mirrors not the God of the Bible—but the **character of Lucifer**, who "was a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44).

The Hebrew Roots of "Allah"?

Here's where things get more startling.

In ancient Semitic languages, including Hebrew and Arabic, the root **"Alah"** (עלה) means **to ascend** or **to go up**—very close to the language used in Isaiah 14 when Lucifer says, "I will ascend…"

Could the name "Allah" be tied—intentionally or not—to the very spirit that declared, "I will ascend into heaven... I will be like the Most High"?

Is it possible that **Lucifer disguised himself as "Allah"**, presenting himself as a god worthy of worship?

When you look at the **denial of Christ**, the **hatred of Christians**, the **persecution of Jews**, and the violent enforcement of religious conformity—**the pattern becomes undeniable**.

The Spirit Behind the Name

2 Thessalonians 2:4 warns of the **man of sin**, who:

> ***"...opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped... shewing himself that he is God."***

This is Lucifer's endgame: **to be worshiped in the place of God**. And Islam is one of his most effective vehicles.

- It denies the Son.
- It demands submission.
- It persecutes God's people.
- It promotes death in the name of godliness.

This is not just a false religion. It's the **beast system**, and at its core is the **spirit of Lucifer**.

Our God Is Not Like That

Our God **does not force allegiance**. He doesn't send us out to kill for Him—He came and **died for us**.

The cross is the ultimate proof that God is not like the god of this world. Jesus laid down His life—while Lucifer demands others lay down theirs.

Choose the Right Kingdom

The world is already being divided. People are aligning with a name—either the name of the **Lamb** or the name of the **beast**.

We must not be silent. We must not be deceived. The war is spiritual, and the deception is great.

But our hope is greater. Jesus is not just a prophet. He is **Lord of all**, the **Son of God**, the **Redeemer**, and the **King** who will return.

Stay faithful. Stay awake. And above all, stay under the name that saves—**the name above every name**.

Jesus The Christ.

CHAPTER 16

WHO IS ALLAH?

We've now arrived at a critical point in this series. After laying the foundation of how false worship systems arose throughout history, we now turn our focus to the present age—to understand who **Allah** really is, and how Islam fits into the prophetic timeline of the **Last Days**.

This chapter aims to bridge what was prophesied in the **Old Testament**, established in the **New Testament**, and fulfilled in **modern history**.

Allah and the Moon-God Religion

To understand Allah, we must first trace his origins—not to Mohammed, but far earlier.

- **Moon-god worship** existed in the Middle East long before Islam. In fact, its roots stretch **back before the flood**, even into the days of **Lamech and Enoch**.
- After the flood, this worship system reemerged through different names: **Ashtoreth**, **Baal**, Egyptian and Greek deities—all derivatives of the same core deception.

This religion wasn't called "Islam" in ancient times, but it operated under the same spiritual banner: **Satan's plan "A"**—to steal worship from God through a counterfeit religious system.

Islam, therefore, is not a new religion. It is a **continuation of an old rebellion**—one that God **repeatedly warned His people against**.

Mohammed and the Rise of Islam

- **Mohammed** was born in **570 AD** and began promoting Islam around **610 AD**.
- He didn't invent Allah. The name **"al-ilah"** was already in use among Arab tribes, meaning "the god."
- Mohammed simply shortened the term to **Allah**, uniting a variety of tribal moon-god beliefs into one.

He also retained many **pagan rituals** from Arab worship at the **Kaaba**, redefining them with monotheistic terms. In reality, Islam's monotheism is a **false front**—its roots are polytheistic, and its core remains **pagan**.

This is why the **crescent moon** is still Islam's most prominent symbol—it reveals the **true origin** of its worship.

Biblical Warnings Against False Worship

God's Word, especially in **Deuteronomy**, is filled with warnings against false gods, particularly those associated with celestial bodies.

Deuteronomy 16:21–22 says:

> ***"Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God... Neither shalt thou set thee up any image; which the LORD thy God hateth."***

- These "groves" were known as **asherah poles**, used in **moon-god worship**.
- God not only **forbade** their use, but He said He **hated** such images with **intensity**.

This isn't just ancient history. The same spiritual deception continues today through Islam. What once appeared as Ashtoreth or Baal now presents itself as **Allah**—but the **spirit behind it is unchanged**.

What God Hates Most

God doesn't just oppose false gods. He also hates:

- **Half-hearted offerings**—those who give Him second or third best.
- **Excuses** that justify compromise.

Deuteronomy 17 warns against both:

> ***"Thou shalt not sacrifice... anything that is blemished... for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God."***

When we **withhold our best**, or convince ourselves it's acceptable to compromise, God considers that an **abomination**. He desires our **first and best**, not what's left over.

Law and Grace – Fulfilled in Christ

Some argue that because we are under **grace**, not **law**, these warnings no longer apply. But the **Apostle Paul** explains in **Romans 3**:

> ***"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."***

The law is **fulfilled in Christ**, and He now **lives in us**. That fulfillment does **not abolish** God's moral standard—it **confirms it**. And the first commandment remains:

> ***"Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." (Exodus 20:3)***

Worshiping other gods—including Allah—is still **spiritually deadly**. The difference is that Christ now empowers us to uphold that truth—not by striving in our flesh, but by His righteousness working in us.

Islam in the Last Days

The **Dome of the Rock**, built between 688–691 AD on the Temple Mount, stands as a **blasphemous monument** against the God of Israel. It is not just a building—it is a **symbol of rebellion** and a reminder of Satan's ancient plan.

But God is not indifferent.

- Jesus will return to **judge the 8th Beast**—which, as we've seen, is Islam.
- He will personally **destroy the false prophet**, the beast, and Satan's entire system.
- Every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**.

Final Thoughts: Be Set Apart

This chapter ends with a clear call:

- Worship the **one true God**, not cultural substitutes.
- Give Him your **best**, not what's convenient.
- Recognize that false religions—whether ancient or modern—are **Satan's master plan** to deceive.

Islam is not just a different religion. It is the **culmination of Satan's rebellion**, a revival of moon-god worship under a new name. As believers, we are not just called to resist it—we are called to **stand boldly in truth**.

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